

In the Claims

1. (currently amended) A trim panel insulator for a vehicle, [comprising] consisting essentially of:
 a single, nonlamine acoustical and thermal insulating layer of polymer fiber selected from a group consisting of polyester, a combination of polyester and fiberglass, polypropylene and any mixtures thereof.

2. (canceled)

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3. (currently amended) The insulator of claim [3] 1, including a first facing over a first face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer being constructed from a material selected from a group consisting of polyester, rayon, polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloride, fibrous scrim, metallic foil and mixtures thereof.

4. (currently amended) The insulator of claim [4] 3, including a second facing layer over a second face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer. LAB

5. (currently amended) The insulator of claim 4, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer has a [density] weight per unit area of between about 20-130 g/ft².

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6. (original) The insulator of claim 5, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer and said first facing layer are approximately the same color.

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7. (original) The insulator of claim 5, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer and said second facing layer are approximately the same color.

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8. (re-presented - formerly dependent claim 2) A trim panel insulator for a vehicle, comprising: a single, nonlaminated acoustical and thermal insulating layer of polymer fiber selected from a group consisting of polyester, a combination of polyester and fiberglass, polypropylene and any mixtures thereof also including a nonlaminated skin of polymer fiber along at least one face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said nonlaminated skin having a higher density than a remaining portion of said insulating layer.

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9. (new) The insulator of claim 8, including a first facing layer over a first face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer being constructed from a material selected from a group consisting of polyester, rayon, polyethylene, polypropylene, ethylene vinyl acetate, polyvinyl chloride, fibrous scrim, metallic foil and mixtures thereof.

10. (new) The insulator of claim 9, including a second facing layer over a second face of said acoustical and thermal insulating layer.

11. (new) The insulator of claim 10, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer has a weight per unit area of between about 20-130 g/ft².

12. (new) The insulator of claim 11, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer and said first facing layer are approximately the same color.

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13. (new) The insulator of claim 11, wherein said acoustical and thermal insulating layer, said first facing layer and said second facing layer are approximately the same color.